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| NP  | 17.             | 4,217,684                               | 08/19/80                                    | Brisken <i>et al.</i>   | 29       | 25.35       |                            |
| NP  | 18.             | 6,153,967                               | 11/28/00                                    | Kobayashi <i>et al.</i> | 310      | 334         |                            |
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